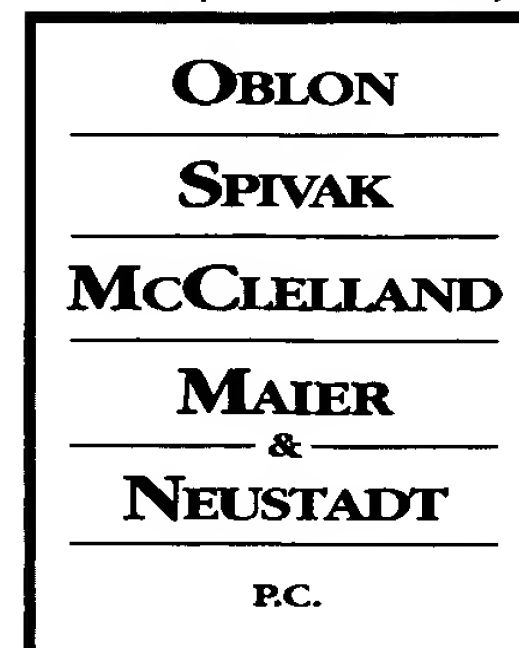




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Docket No.: 211842US2PCT

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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/890,261
Applicants: Thierry LIVACHE, et al.
Filing Date: August 7, 2001
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ADDRESSED
LIGANDS MATRIXES ON A SUPPORT
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: Betty J. FORMAN

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:
**Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181; Copies of: Filing Receipt date-stamped October 29, 2001,
Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449,
International Search Report, French Search Report, and Cited References (5).**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants herein petition the Commissioner to invoke his supervisory authority to require the Examiner to consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 29, 2001.

MPEP § 609.II states the Examiner will consider the documents cited in the International Search Report when PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and the copies of the documents are present in the national stage file. Thus, Applicants' Notification of Acceptance issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 17, 2001 indicates that the references cited on the International Search Report are in the national stage file per MPEP § 1893.03(g). Therefore, Applicants request the references cited in the International Search Report and filed via the Information Disclosure Statement of October 29, 2001 be considered by the Examiner. As a courtesy to the Examiner, a copy of the October 29, 2001 filing including copies of the relevant documents is provided herewith.

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Thus, per MPEP § 1893.03(g), copies of such reference need not be provided by the applicant.

Although Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the present petition, any required fee should be charged the undersigned attorneys account no. 15-0030.

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